

## Retiring dean recognizes Manzullo's commitment to the College of Medicine

ROCKFORD – As one of his final official duties before leaving the dean's office, Dr. Bernard "Buz" Salafsky will bestow the 2004 Distinguished Community Award on Congressman Don Manzullo, (R-Egan).

The award, granted by the executive committee of the College, recognizes Manzullo for his continued support of the College, particularly with respect to funding for the National Center for Rural Health Professions.

A presentation was planned for

Tuesday, March 25 at the College of Medicine, 1601 Parkview Ave., Rockford. Other University leaders scheduled to join Salafsky in thanking Manzullo were Sylvia Manning, chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago and Gerald Moss, dean of the University of Illinois, College of Medicine at Chicago.

Salafsky readily acknowledges that without the early support and commitment of Manzullo, the initiative for the National Center for Rural Health Professions would still be stalled.

Equally, it has been through active partnering between the College and the congressman that the Veteran's Administration has brought more accessible healthcare to the veterans living in Northern Illinois.

"I believe that these will be legacies we will all be proud of in the coming years," Salafsky said. "And clearly the National Center for Rural Health Professions has the potential to be a focal training site for countries around the world that face, as we do, inequalities in rural healthcare."

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